



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Rain Showers Provide Relief

Rain showers on Thursday and Friday provided some relief to the recent dry conditions in Maryland. Corn, which had started to curl in some areas, was revitalized by the moisture. Although the showers helped row crop development, the moisture may have come too late for wheat. Reports show that wheat yields may be reduced due to the extended dry spell, and disease in some areas. Conditions to start the week were dry and hot with above normal temperatures, allowing farmers an average of 4.8 **days suitable for field work**. Farmers took advantage of the dry weather to promote small grain harvesting activities. **Barley** and **winter wheat** are 63 percent and 15 percent harvested respectively.

Planting activities are nearing completion for many crops, while for others harvesting activities are beginning. **Cantaloupes**, **sorghum**, and **sweet corn** are 94 percent, 93 percent, and 92 percent planted respectively. **Cucumber** and **snap bean** harvest is underway with 9 percent and 8 percent harvested respectively. **Potatoes** are ready for harvest to begin. **Strawberry** and **green pea** harvest continues with 88 percent and 82 percent harvested respectively.

The rain received last week improved topsoil moisture, however subsoil moisture remains unchanged from the previous week. **Topsoil moisture** is currently rated 3 percent very short, 20 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** is rated 19 percent very short, 48 percent short, 33 percent adequate.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Small Grain Development:				
Barley, harvested	63	23	32	43
Winter Wheat, harvested	15	6	1	5
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloupes	94	84	86	95
Cucumbers	66	61	59	73
Lima Beans	57	50	49	55
Snap Beans	55	49	66	79
Sorghum	93	76	78	72
Soybeans	70	56	70	62
Sweet Corn	92	85	91	93
Watermelons	89	72	75	91
Tobacco, transplanted	93	85	67	76
Harvesting Progress:				
Cucumbers	9	5	8	10
Green Peas	82	45	64	52
Snap beans	8	- - -	5	1
Strawberries	88	83	77	79
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 2 nd cutting	10	4	17	17
Alfalfa, 2 nd cutting	17	14	25	22

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	0	2	15	59	24
Winter Wheat	0	3	19	51	27
Corn	1	7	24	57	11
Soybeans	1	4	20	66	9
Range & Pasture	1	6	39	39	15

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